

# SONIC

## THE COMIC

NEW  
**SONIC**  
STORY

PLUS...

**KNUCKLES!**

**TAILS!**

**SHINING FORCE!**

**ECCO G ZONE!**

**BADNIK PIN-UP!**



# SONIC GROOM!

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FORTNIGHTLY

# CONTROL ZONE

## A FLUFFY FIRST - CHICKLES!

Meet Sonic's new feathery friend, Chickles in the nest eggdigion of STC! The Freedom Fighters are put in a scramble when a strange alien egg lands in the Mushroom Omelette Zone! Chickles stuns Badniks with his power pecks and Doctor Robotnik gets up to his usual fowl deeds.



Mey, Boomers!

**APRIL FOOL!** I tried to stop them, but the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge thought they'd try and catch you out with the spoof front cover and character above. I know you weren't really fooled so let's just humour them!

This issue is also a cracking Easter eggstravaganza, so be warned, there's cheep yolks ahead. Don't believe me? Well, there's an eggcellent complete Sonic story, Smokey and the Badnik, Knuckles and Captain Plunder have an uneggpected surprise on board the Ghost Ship! The new Shining Force comes together in Part 3 of the eggceedingly good series, plus, it's out of the frying pan and into the fire for Tails in Fox on the Run.

There's also some of your eggseptional drawings, a happening Splats Badnik pin-up and an Eggo, I mean Ecco in The Tides of Time Q Zone Special.

I must eggst now, but remember, keep reading STC! You know you can't beat it!

*Megadroid*

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SEGA

CHARTS  
COMPARE  
GALLUP



↑ up/down RE/NEW entry ● non mover

### MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA SOCCER '96
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- 3 ● PREMIER MANAGER
- 4 ● MICRO MACHINES '96
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- 6 ● PGA TOUR GOLF '96
- 7 ↑ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 8 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 ● BRIAN LARA CRICKET
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- 5 ↓ ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 6 ↓ JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOQ
- 7 NEW OTTIFANT
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- 9 ● DESERT SPEED TRAP
- 10 RE THE LION KING

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- 2 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 3 ● SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 4 ↓ CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
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- 6 ↑ STAR TREK: GENERATIONS
- 7 ↑ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 8 ● PRIMAL RAGE
- 9 RE JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOQ
- 10 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME

COMPLETE  
STORY

# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

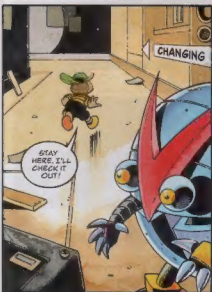
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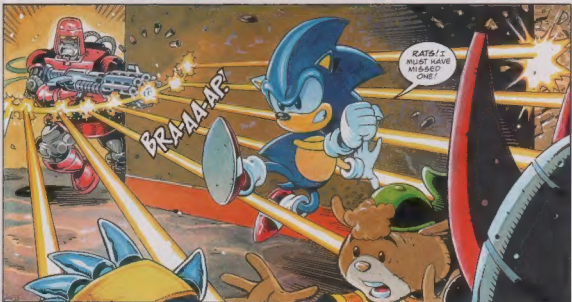
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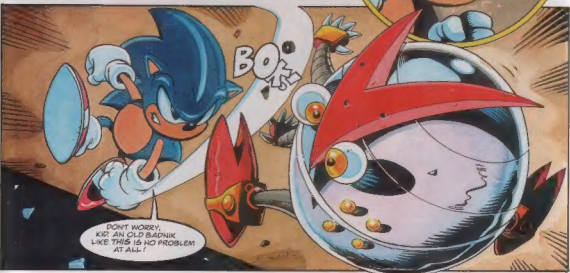


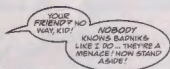
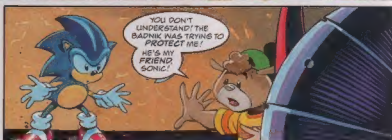














NEXT MORNING.

CITIZEN  
SMACKY, WE  
NEED TO SPEAK  
WITH YOU!

OH.

WE'RE TRYING  
TO RECOVER A MISSING  
BADNIK.  
OUR  
SOURCES SUGGEST  
THAT YOU MAY HAVE  
INFORMATION...

YES,  
HE WAS  
MY BEST  
FRIEND...

BUT YOU  
DON'T HAVE TO WORRY  
ABOUT HIM ANY  
MORE...  
SONIC SMASHED  
HIM! HE SAID ALL BADNIKS  
HAD TO BE DESTROYED...  
NO EXCEPTIONS!

IT'S  
OKAY, YOU  
CAN COME OUT  
NOW!

SO,  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT TO DO  
TODAY?

I DON'T  
MIND

HEY, I  
NEVER KNEW  
YOU COULD  
TALK!

YOU  
NEVER  
ASKED!

NEXT ISSUE: THE BIG DECISION!

END

# GRAPHIC ZONE

SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER.  
BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.

I'm all ears!



Tracy Hawken,  
Thornbury, Bristol.  
MD owner.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

Who said chocolate  
rots teeth?



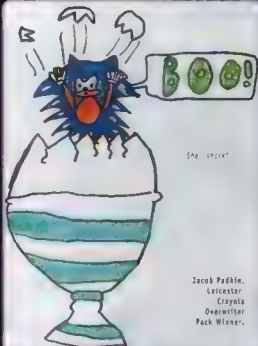
Robbie Gibben,  
Luton, Beds.  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

## HAPPY EASTER



Ryan Fish,  
Leicester.  
MD owner.  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

## FROM ROBOTNIK



She shriek!

Jacob Padkin,  
Leicester  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

WPSO N K W TO egg  
24 N 1 face



Simon Palmer, Middlesbrough, MD owner,  
Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

MOE DUNG  
ZEN ONE!

Matthew  
Rutherford  
Salmond House  
MD owner  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.



Fox of chocolate!



Andrago Zambakides,  
Dated Surrey  
MS owner,  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner

To help you understand what to do, we've included a few examples of the winners.

How to print or tell the you on your white paper (avoid bleed-through and pencils or crayons on the back of the paper).

Be creative and don't miss a chance to win!

Make sure you write your own name.

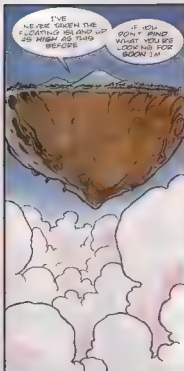
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HANDYWORK PRINTED?  
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A PACK OF



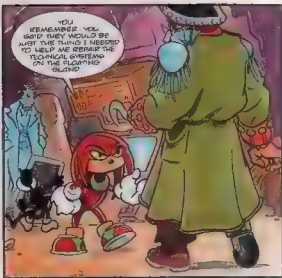


OKAY, PLUNDER,  
WE'VE FOUND YOUR  
SHORT SHIP!

NOW  
IT'S TIME FOR YOU  
TO HAND OVER THOSE  
PLANS OF THE FLOATING  
ISLAND YOU SAY YOU  
HAVE!



YOU  
REMEMBER YOU  
SAID THEY WOULD BE  
JUST THE THING I NEEDED  
TO HELP ME REPAIR THE  
TECHNICAL SYSTEMS  
ON THE FLOATING  
ISLAND!



I DON'T HAVE  
'EM ON ME, LAD

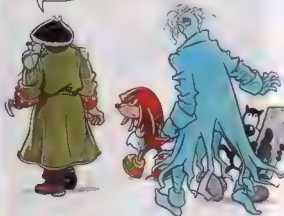
NO, I  
KEEP 'EM SAFE  
'N BOUND BACK IN  
ME PIRATE'S  
HIDEAWAY!

IF  
'THIS IS A  
TRICK!



I PROMISE  
EE, LAD, IT'S THE  
TRUTH AS RIGHT  
AS I'M STANDING  
HERE!

I HAVE A  
TRUNK FULL OF  
ANCIENT PARCHMENTS ABOUT  
THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM  
A SHIP FREIGHTER  
YEARS AGO!



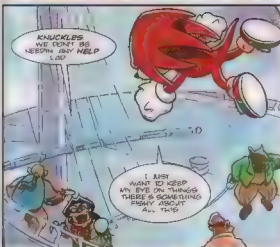
WHERE  
DO EE THINK I  
GOT THE MAP FOR  
THE LOST PYRAMID  
OF SUNDROPUS  
FROM EH?

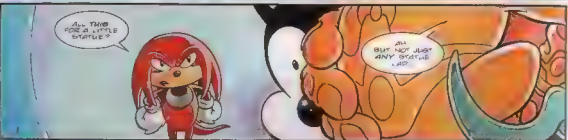
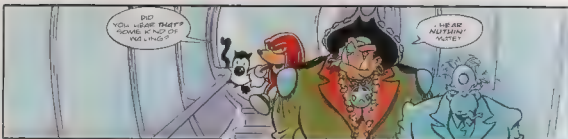
NOW  
LET'S GET TOPSIDE  
AND TAKE A GOOD  
LOOK AT THAT  
SHORT SHIP!



\*SEE GUY WAY FOR KNUCKLES AND THE  
CAPTAIN'S LAST MEETING. MEGAROD









# SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE  
OF ZEON

SARON KADAVAR: "I AM THE  
"FOURTH" ZEON - THE "SHINING" ZEON  
WHO WE MEET IN THE "SHINING" ZEON"

MAXIMILLIAN IS THE VERY PERSON  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAVING OF ZEON IN THE  
ABYSS ALL "THOSE YEARS AGO"



SO, KADAVAR YOU  
SERVE MY OLD  
FOE, DO YOU?

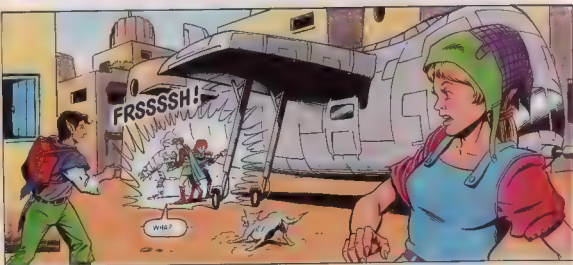
WELL, BEFORE YOU KILL  
ME THERE'S JUST ONE  
THING I WANT TO DO

GRANDFATHER,  
WHAT ARE YOU?



ALL RIGHT  
KADAVAR  
LET'S GET IT  
OVER WITH!







BEFORE LONG, ZEON WILL BE RELEASED  
FROM HIS IMPRISONMENT AND ON  
THAT DAY ALL THE WORLD WILL  
TREMBLE

IT IS A SIX HOUR FLIGHT TO  
THE VILLAGE OF HASSAN

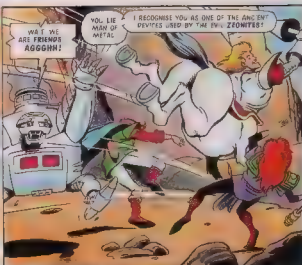
THERE'S NO ROOM TO LAND  
IN THE VILLAGE ITSELF  
WE'LL HAVE TO PUT DOWN  
ON THE OUTSKIRTS

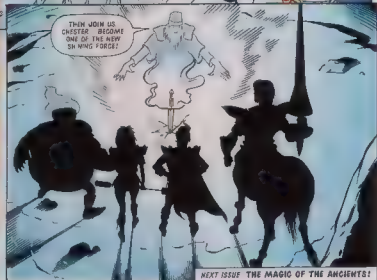
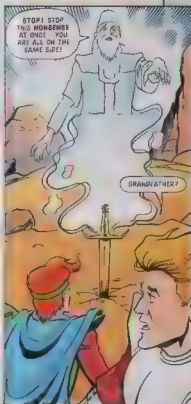
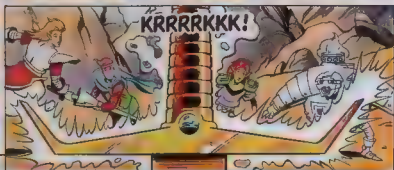
WHAT MAKES GRANDFATHER  
THINK WE'LL FIND HELP IN A  
DUMP LIKE HASSAN?

MAXIMILLIAN AND THE REST OF THE  
ORIGINAL SHINING FORCE VISITED  
THIS PLACE IN THE OLD DAYS

HASSAN IS THE HOME OF A  
MIGHTY WARRIOR RACE

STOP VILLAINS  
YOU WILL GO NO  
FURTHER!





NEXT ISSUE THE MAGIC OF THE ANCIENTS!



# Q ZONE

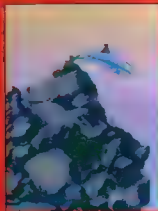
**Q IS FOR QUESTION.**

**Q IS FOR QUERY.**

**Q IS FOR QUANTITY.**

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**FAMOUSITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:**

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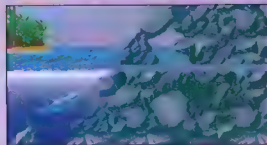
# ECCO

THE TIDES OF TIME



MEGA  
DRIVE

Chris Jones is on hand for help  
 with Ecco: The Tides of Time



LEVEL NAME

PASSWORDS

Easy, Default

Hard

1. Welcome to Ecco

N/A

N/A

2. Welcome to Ecco

ANZCZEB

ESQHYEB

3. Welcome to Ecco

ESKD, CZA

MEORXGZA

4. Welcome to Ecco

TAMH0ZYA

CPKQXXY

5. Welcome to Ecco

,S, LK0DB

UMPISKDB

6. Welcome to Ecco

MIX0DJ0B

ESAQYWEB

7. Welcome to Ecco

CZXPEEZA

ACHILJYA

8. Welcome to Ecco

hard on y

LANGYNY



LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	Hard
10. Fin to Feather	Q888GAKA	55210PXA
11. Eagle's Bay	SVWU2KXB	55210PXB
12. Asterite's Cave	WJKNLTAR	55210PXA
13. Maze of Stone	Field only	ASXAYKXA
14. Four Islands	LT9FD8GB	55210PXB
15. Sea of Darkness	SVPNWZXA	55210PXA
16. Vents of Medusa	61KXBWCA	55210PXA
17. Gateway	28KHU8HB	55210PXB
18. Sea of Green	N/A	N/A
19. Moray Abyss	WJ2828KB	55210PXA
20. Seaside Birds	808P8KXA	55210PXB
21. Thrill Eye	808P8KXB	55210PXB
22. Big Water	LT9FD8FA	55210PXA
23. Deep Ridge	808H80C	55210PXB



LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	Hard
	<u>Easy/Default</u>	
24. The Hungry Ones	WZWJBBJE	YCRVOFJE
25. Secret Cave	GPHMFQDE	MQRHCRPE
26. Lunar Bay	SLAMEQDE	QLOXCRPE
27. Black Clouds	SVXBQOKE	ASXAYKLE
28. Gravitobox	VEYCQBDE	DDJTGAKL
29. Globe Holder	EQVITGDE	GJMRGAKL
30. Dark Sea	IVSRBWDA	QTRBPWAA
31. New Machine	hard only	CEWXDYHA
32. Vortex Queen	W0WTKBDA	KICHPWAA
33. Home Bay (2nd time)	N/A	N/A
34. Epilogue	GIPZZGBA	YBQETFBA
35. Atlantis	EP00JZHA	ITHLPBIA
36. Fish City	00TKG0FA	LYDFJSBA
37. City of Forever	WYFT0XKA	EPW0FJA



This one may be a bit tricky, but don't despair. To get a menu for stage select and invincibility, pause the game with Ecco facing you and press A, B, C, B, C, A, C, A and B.

THE END

NEXT ISSUE: A PLUNGE INTO THE PAST WITH THE ORIGINAL ECCO GAME.



# TAILS!

## FOX ON THE RUN

TAILS IS HELPING TANTRUM THE MOUSE GET BACK HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE PURSUED BY FLEABYTE THE DOUNTY HUNTER. THE CAPTURE OF TAILS COULD GAIN HIM A BIG REWARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

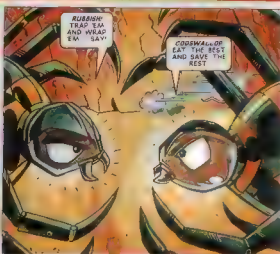
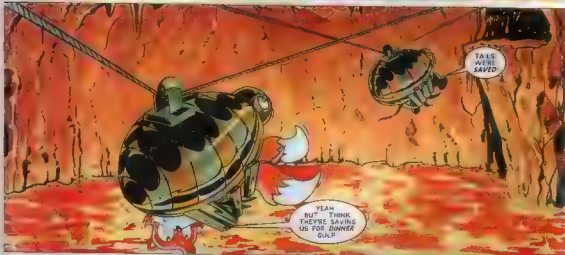
THOSE DANG CRITTERS MIGHT BE UNDERGROUND BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE ME, THANKS TO THIS HERE INFRA-RED HEAT SCANNER! AH YON DETECT THEIR BODY HEAT ANYWHERE!

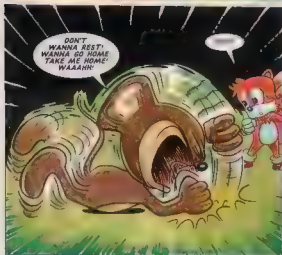
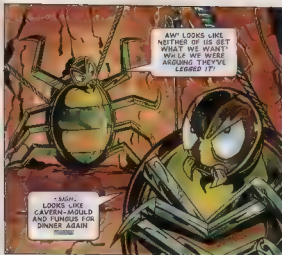
IN THE CAVERNS BELOW, TAILS AND TANTRUM FACE DEADLY DANGER AS THEY FALL TOWARDS A RED HOT LAVA LAKE.

WHY? DARN SCANNERS ON THE BLINK! MUST BE RIGHTLY HOT DOWN WHERE TAILS IS!

TAILS  
FOX IS OUTTA  
HERE

UHHH  
CAN'T TOO  
TIRED

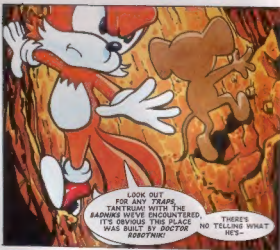




THE COMPANIONS  
WALK ON THROUGH  
THE CAVERNS, UNTIL...

THAT'S OUR  
WAY OUT FOR SURE,  
TANTRUM! WELL  
SPOTTED!

TAILS!  
LOOK! DAY-  
LIGHT!



LOOK OUT  
FOR ANY TRAPS,  
TANTRUM! WITH THE  
BADKIX WE'VE ENCOUNTERED,  
IT'S OBVIOUS THIS PLACE  
WAS BUILT BY DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK!

THERE'S  
NO TELLING WHAT  
HE'S—



CLICK!



UPL!



UH-OH!



THE  
CAVE WALLS!  
THEY'RE CLOSING  
IN!

WAAHH!  
WE'RE GONNA GET  
SQUASHED!

RRUMBLE!



NOT IF  
I CAN HELP  
IT! HOLD  
TIGHT!

YIKES!



TRUST ME,  
BUDDY! LIKE YOU SAID,  
I CAN SAVE US FROM  
ANYTHING!

WE'RE  
NOT GONNA  
MAKE IT!  
WAAHH!



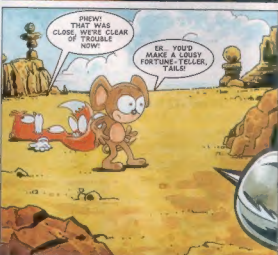
I CAN  
ONLY FLY FOR  
SO LONG BEFORE  
I GET TIRED... ULP...  
JUST A LITTLE  
FURTHER...



WE  
DID IT!

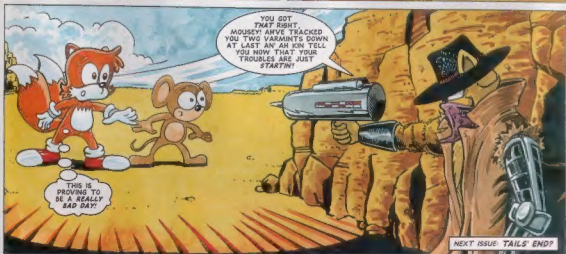
RRRUMBLE!

SKRRUNCH



PHREW!  
THAT WAS  
CLOSE, WE'RE CLEAR  
OF TROUBLE  
NOW!

ER... YOU'D  
MAKE A LOUSY  
FORTUNE-TELLER,  
TAILS!



YOU GOT  
THAT RIGHT,  
MOUSEY! AHVE TRACKED  
YOU TWO VARMINTS DOWN  
AT LAST AN AH KON TELL  
YOU NOW THAT YOUR  
TROUBLES ARE JUST  
STARTIN'!

THIS IS  
PROVING TO  
BE A REALLY  
BAD DAY!

NEXT ISSUE: TAILS' END?





# SPEED LINES

EITHER POST YOUR MAIL TO:-  
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OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS)

## READER REQUIREMENTS!

Dear Megadroid,

Could you please tell me if it's necessary to own a Sega system in order to read your comic?

Matthew Barnes, Leicester.

Super Nintendo owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



All that's essential, Matthew is an appreciation of mega artwork and good story-telling. Oh, and a sense of humour!



James Day, Peterborough.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Richard McCann, Liverpool, Merseyside.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

## PRAISE THE HEDGEHOG!

Dear Megadroid,

I disagree with Peter Heard who said back in issue 69 that STC was going downhill. I thought, "Hey, dude, get a brain transplant!" STC is great!

Keith Miller, Woking, Surrey.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



My pleasure circuits were given a massive boost by the amount of Boomers who rushed to STC's defence. I believe that had I been a hume, I'd have been overcome by emotion!

## WISH I WERE THERE!

Dear Megadroid,

I love your Segasational mag and would like to know more about the Planet Mobius. Please could you give me the exact location as I'd arranged to meet up with Sonic and the gang for my holiday.

James McDermott, Kingswinford, MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



But James, how do I know you're not one of Doctor Robotnik's agents, trying to find Sonic's secret hideout?



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Be sure to include your mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

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IN SPEEDLINES WINS A  
SENSATIONAL  
SEGA SONIC &  
KNUCKLES DISPOSABLE  
CAMERA,  
COMPLETE WITH 27  
FULL-COLOUR FUJI  
EXPOSURES.**





# NEXT ISSUE

## PIG'S 'ERE!

NEW  
SONIC  
STORY



**KNUCKLES!**

SLAVE SHIP!

**SHINING FORCE!**

ASSAULT!

**GRAPHIC ZONE!**

ECCENTRICALLY ENGLISH!

**TAILS!**

ALL TIED UP!

**PIN-UP!**

SPIKES BADNIK!

**Q ZONE!**

ECCO 1 SPECIAL!

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## DATA STRIP

I'VE BEEN READING  
STC SINCE ...

ISSUE

MY FAVOURITE ...

FILM/VIDEO IS .....

BAND/SINGER IS .....

MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

GG ☐

MCD ☐

MD ☐

MM ☐

MS ☐

32X ☐

SATURN ☐

SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE .....

AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

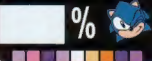
THIS ISSUE'S  
MEGA HITS!

1ST CHOICE .....

2ND CHOICE .....

3RD CHOICE .....

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 75



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